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In re application of:

WESLING et al.

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SUSPENSION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit 3611

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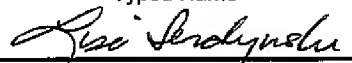
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 4, 2006, please reconsider the  
above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by  
Ferrel. Applicant need not patentably distinguish their invention from Ferrel because  
Applicant actually completed his invention before the filing date of the Ferrel patent as  
evidenced by the attached Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131 and Exhibit. Therefore, the  
rejection of claims 1-40 should be withdrawn.